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Premiums in course of collection	558,812.20
Interest due and accrued	11,359.75

Admitted assets \$1,818,932.55

LIABILITIES

Claims reported, proofs not filed, in course of adjustment	\$134,700.00
Commission to become due on premiums in course of collection and all other liabilities	162,766.45

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TROUT FISHING

An editorial special to the Free Press from Bennington announces that Editor Frank E. Rowe of the Banner and Postmaster Collins M. Graves have gone to Brattleboro to investigate the trout fishing in Windham county under the special Windham county trout law. While neighbors may receive prompt evidences of the success of the expedition, the chances are that an official report will be reserved for the next session of the Vermont legislature.—Burlington Free Press.

No lengthy report is necessary. The only thing lacking to make the fishing season in Windham county a howling success is fish and we fear the same difficulty prevails in other counties. We are inclined to believe however, that the Windham county law is proving a success for that county and ought to be extended to the other counties.

In the first place, with the season opening April 15, the fishing started very gradually in Windham county, and yet in the course of the month of April 15 to May 15, nearly everybody who fishes there had tried his luck. No big catches were made anywhere in the county, thus disproving the theory that it is easy to catch the trout out of the big holes where they lie in the early spring while the weather is cold.

Secondly the nobbling of trout brooks with one grand rush on May 15 is prevented. In Bennington county and doubtless in the other counties of the state, on Saturday, May 15, the streams were lined with fishermen and the streams were skinned all in a day. One fisherman on the Battellkill below Arlington states that at one time he could count 21 fishermen in sight at one time. All along the Kill and other principal trout streams similar conditions prevailed. The best of the fishing is over for this year. This condition is avoided in Windham county under its new law.

We were surprised at one thing though. Scores of people in Windham county told us that very few people over there pay any attention to the six inch law unless they suspected they were being watched. Now in Bennington county the six inch law is generally lived up to, not only out of respect to the law but in behalf of good sportsmanship.

No more law alone can save the fishing in Vermont with the steadily increasing number of fishermen. There is need of much more stocking, especially with fingerlings. We have hopes that the new hunters' license law will furnish revenue to enable stocking on a vastly larger scale in the future. We believe too, that the season must be still further shortened, that it ought to begin April 15 as it does now in Windham county and close not later than July 1.

Personally also we favor the permanent closing under heavy penalties of head streams and small tributaries where the trout breed but never attain any considerable size. With these permanent sources of supply provided for we would reduce the size limit to five inches in the main streams and stock every stream every year if possible even if we had to pay a small fishing license to raise the needed funds. And on top of it all, there should be a general agreement among those who fish to obey the law and see that others do the same. With these provisions we feel sure that the fishing in Vermont might be greatly improved and kept good not only for the present but for future generations.

The Banner is pleased to note that the Methodist church people were remarkably successful in their efforts to make headway in paying up the heavy debt with which the church is burdened and especially gratified that a part of the money came from persons not members of the Methodist church. The other Bennington churches are, we believe, practically out of debt and it would be most creditable to all of them if they should join in and help the Methodists in lifting their load. A church badly in debt has to devote all its energies to paying off that debt instead of to doing the work in the community for which it is intended. We have our little differences in form of worship and church government but all desire the same end and the more cordial the relations the greater the degree of helpfulness between the several churches and denominations, Catholic and Protestant, liberal and orthodox, the better it is for all of them and the more actual Christian work they will do in the community.



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Hundreds of Men in Battellkill Territory on Opening Day

The Bennington trout fishermen, who went north into the Battellkill territory Friday night for the opening of the trout season returned Sunday night. They report the fishing to be as good as usual but also say that the number of men and boys on the streams was larger than on any opening day in years.

Grant Harbour, of the party composed of Dr. R. C. Jenner, W. H. Bradford, T. P. Gregg and Emory S. Harris, said that he never saw so many fishermen on Green river. Mr. Harbour had with him at the time three trout on a platter one of which weighed 14 pounds and the other two were not much smaller. Trener Gregg said that he kept no fish less than seven inches in length and that he caught the limit in a short time. W. H. Bradford, who has been confined to the house for a portion of the time this spring with rheumatism, filled his six pound basket and came home feeling better than at any time for weeks.

R. B. Godfrey went to Manchester and fished the Battellkill by boat to Arlington, capturing 27 fine trout on the way. Nearly everyone who went out on the streams in this vicinity on the opening day caught fish. The Main stream east of the village was the favorite water. H. J. Cole caught nine good fish out of one hole and was absent from home but a short time. F. Z. Battles arose at 1 o'clock in the morning, walked as far into the wilderness as possible during the hours intervening before daylight and fished back home with 17 good trout in his basket. J. A. Jubb was one of the most highly elated men on the stream. His catch of 20 good trout was the best he had ever made and he was happy. Claire Soule got a dozen good fish. James H. Whitney secured nine. G. P. Endress brought in eight from a short trip up the Main stream. William Stewart of Lyons street at 6:30 in the morning had a six pound basket full of trout, one fish weighing a little over a pound. Charles Hodge caught six pounds in the lower river. Willis T. White caught 16 fine fish. Edward Moore's catch when dressed weighed three pounds and Willie Hollier's basket was one of the best of the day. There were dozens of other catches made during the day of which the Banner has not been able to obtain definite information but the general results show that Bennington county possesses the best trout fishing territory in the state.



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ELROY KENT'S APPEAL

Convicted Murderer Objects to Barn Door Evidence

Rutland, May 17.—The bill of exceptions in the case of the state against Elroy Kent, recently convicted of murder in the first degree, has been filed with County Clerk H. A. Harman and it is expected that the case will be argued at the November term of the Supreme court. Attorney General John G. Sargent of Ludlow was in this city Thursday and he, with State's Attorney J. C. Jones and Attorneys E. H. O'Brien and John D. Spellman for the respondent, completed the bill and after it was signed by Judge E. L. Waterman was filed with the clerk. There are two principal exceptions, namely—to the introduction by the state as exhibits the initials on the door of the Congdon barn and that of the door of the Buffum farm, on which initials were also cut and to the statement of the attorney general in his closing argument as to the counsel for the respondent's attempting to fool the jury.

Elroy Kent was convicted of the murder of Miss Della B. Congdon on July 24, 1908. He first entered a plea of not guilty and then a plea of not guilty by reason of insanity. The exceptions first state a summary of the case, saying that there were no eyewitnesses to the crime and the evidence was entirely circumstantial except for the admissions of the respondent. One of the first exhibits introduced by the state was the lawn mower handle from the state hospital for the insane upon which Kent had written his name in lead pencil. To this the respondent's counsel did not take exception. There were no objections to the introduction of the memorandum book taken from the pockets of Kent at the jail in Pittsfield. The first objection along this line was to the introduction of the pieces of wood taken from the barn of the Congdon place which bore the initials E. K. The exceptions state that Kent had been seen in this locality and that whittlings were found upon some hay which had been in the barn only two days before the murder. Attorney O'Brien for the defense stated to the court when this was first offered that there had been no evidence offered to connect the respondent in any way with the said exhibit. The objection was overruled and exception noted. There was also objection and exceptions noted when the part of the barn door taken from the Buffum place was admitted.

In the exceptions the respondents also claim that the letters on the lawn mower handle are in no way similar or like the carvings offered as exhibits. The second exception which will be offered is relative to the statement of Attorney General Sargent in his closing argument when he said that Kent had succeeded in deceiving the officials at Windsor and Waterbury and that he and his counsel was now trying to deceive the jury. Attorney Spellman objected to the statement at the time and that the court allowed it. Mr. Sargent refused to withdraw the statement.

It is very probable that these exceptions will be argued during the November term of Supreme court.

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